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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE Unrices were mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment, steady at best. Retail demand

Majority prices were mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment steady at best. Retail demand typically slow to fair, best for Holiday items. Food service was in a full range, best into fast food channels. Offerings were adequate to fully sufficient with only immediate needs being purchased and dealers kept floor stocks to a minimum. Processing schedules for this week are part time in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. In the parts structure, demand for wings was strong with supplies well cleared to tight along with livers and gizzards which had seasonally good movement. All other items were more than sufficient and at times increasing in availability with little or no interest. In production areas supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/20-11/24/00 (cents per lb)

	US GRADE A			COMP	OSITE
	(Includes bra	anded prod	duct)		
<u>AREAS</u>	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		<u>AVG</u>		<u>AVG</u>	
Bos/New Eng	54.00-55.00	54.95	10	59.98	21
Chicago	47.00-51.00	50.64	39	53.66	71
Cincinnati	TFEWR	_	_	60.76	36
Cleveland	TFEWR		_	58.67	15
Denver	65.50	65.44	17	65.79	27
Detroit	48.00-50.50	50.88	12	57.16	37
Los Angeles	66.00	64.42	64	62.55	109
New York	52.00-55.00	53.35	26	55.25	55
Philadelphia	49.00-52.00	49.50	6	50.07	22
Pittsburgh	50.00-52.00	51.23	11	55.59	62
St. Louis	50.75-51.00	50.42	11	53.73	36
San Francisco	66.50	65.69	29	67.49	46

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	11/20/00	Change/Last Wk	11/13/00	11/22/99
537	58 12	-0.06	58 18	60 13

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

<u>REGIONS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	WTD AVG	LOADS				
East	54.00-61.00	59.29	45				
Central	54.00-59.00	56.51	50				
West	56.00-63.00	60.14	44				
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent							
Mississippi	59.00-61.00	60.93	82				

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

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		MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG				
<u>LOADS</u>	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT				
1,110	47.00-62.75	60.21				
The Georgia f.o.b. do	ock confirmed final w	eighted average prices on				
ice packed parts:	WTD AVG	VOLUME				
<u>ITEM</u>	(CENTS PER POUND	<u>(000 POUNDS)</u>				
BREASTS - B/S	130.50	4,742				
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.50	1,568				
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.00	795				
LEG QUARTERS	28.50	9,440				
WINGS	74 50	3.091				

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was very limited entering the holiday week, with most dealers keeping floorstocks to marginal levels. Offerings of all sizes more than sufficient, particularly the heavier birds, which were in the longer position. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items fully adequate to ample. Dark meat items more than sufficient and leg quarters had become increasingly available. Wings were the best item, ranging tight to closely cleared. Livers and gizzards were seeing good seasonal interest.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was seasonally slow to fair as Thanksgiving nears and mostly light trading was done for immediate needs only. Supplies were usually sufficient. Processing schedules for this week are part time with some plants down Friday and others resuming schedules. In the parts structure, wings continued to be in the best position with supplies well cleared. The remaining items were at least adequate with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Offerings easily adequate. Buyer interest was limited. Retail demand fair by stores, restaurants fairly good; best by fast food. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiate WOG average was down .17 to 56.29 with the volume reported down 8 percent to 31 loads. Reported trading on part: leg quarters bulk 26-28.5, bagged 4/10s 28.5-33, drumsticks bagged 8/5s 38.5, wings 82, whole legs 46, bone-in breasts 69-77 and boneless breasts 105-113.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for deliveries this week were unchanged into all areas with Ohio reporting TFEWR from last Monday's final majority. Whole broiler/fryer market tone steady. Additional offerings were fully sufficient for the very light trade needs. Retail demand as expected, slow to light. Food service movement was in a full range, best into fast food. Floor stocks in balance, sizes in a desirable range. Parts trading moderate to good on wings, inactive all other items. Supplies fully adequate except wings were well cleared. Trade sentiment steady to firm on wings, cautiously steady undertone weak on the remainder of items.

<u>DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as seasonally dull. Seller offerings were available and difficult to place, particulary on the over 3.0 pound sizes. Live supplies were light to moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules continued to be realigned with lesser needs and were light to moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, wings livers and gizzards were clearing satisfactorily. Other items were readily available; however, buyers had little if any interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

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RANGE	39-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.00
NO. OF BOXES	10,627
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was very light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers maintained minimal inventories making way for the traditional Thanksgiving items. Offerings of breast items were ample and dark meat items were more than sufficient, particularly leg quarters, which were often increasing in availability. Wings remained the best items ranging closely balanced to tight, and seasonal items continued to see good interest. Movement into retail and distributive channels was limited as holiday items had become the focal point of the week. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, cautiously steady to instances weak on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

CURRENT	NEGOTIATED	WTD	VOLUME		
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	110	114.10	641,440		
TENDERLOINS	165-170	164.88	124,520		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	58-59	66.42	244,170		
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	59.11	171,200		
LEGS	35-36	38.95	286,009		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	25.68	431,933		
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.60	167,920		
THIGHS	30-31	37.51	115,640		
B/S THIGHS	77-78	81.39	54,800		
WINGS (WHOLE)	74-75	84.40	351,960		
BACKS AND NECKS (STR	IPPED) 10-12	12.09	79,600		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	43.45	80,400		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.96	99,080		
INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN					
NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE					
ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).					

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. WTD

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<u>ITEM</u>	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,322	98.00-123.00	-	106.19
TENDERLOINS	103	175.00-256.00	-	185.76
BREAST - WITH RIBS	332	66.00-83.00	69-71	70.94
FRONT HALVES	160	66.00-75.00	66-68	67.25
LEGS		NO TRADING	REPORTED	
LEG QUARTERS (BU	JLK) 859	22.00-26.00	22	22.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/	10) 1,558	24.00-27.00	24-25	25.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	76	56.00-81.00	72	70.98
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING	REPORTED	
THIGHS	1,173	22.00-42.00	27	26.87

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

<u>ES</u>	<u>TIMATE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	AVG WTS	<u>ACTUAL</u>	AVG WTS
	11/20	11/16	11/16	11/13	11/09
ALA	3,869	3,399	5.06	3,833	4.98
ARK	5,340	5,166	4.91	5,152	4.89
DELMARVA	2,221	2,388	5.00	2,262	4.97
KY-LA-TN	1,892	1,601	4.34	2,010	4.56
MISS	2,706	2,767	5.00	2,552	4.97
NC	2,617	2,262	5.87	2,273	5.78
TEXAS	2,347	2,329	4.79	2,324	4.72
TOTAL	20,992	19,912	5.01	20,406	4.99
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(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Nov 2000 is estimated to be 31,406,000 up 2.56 percent from a week ago and up 4.50 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,621,000, last year 30,053,000)

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<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	826	100.00-191.00	125-135	147.04
TENDERLOINS	155	150.00-245.00	150-160	161.13
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	69.00-73.00	70-71	71.00
FRONT HALVES	7	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT	
LEGS	128	33.00-47.00	33-35	33.88
LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 472	21.00-27.00	23-24	22.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,475	24.00-29.00	26-27	26.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	312	72.00-77.00	74-76	74.47
WINGS (CUT)	370	82.00-105.00	87-89	87.67
DRUMSTICKS	-	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT	
THIGHS	7	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT	
B/S THIGHS	54	64.00-83.00	-	68.37

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

<u>RANGE</u>	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.00 - 48.50	45.00	45.57

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commoditytype product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 20-NOV-2000 TO 24-NOV-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	100.00 - 125.00	110.00 - 115.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 75.00	63.00 - 66.00
LEGS	35.00 - 42.00	35.00 -
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20.00 - 30.00	24.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	31.00 - 45.00	33.00 -
THIGHS	29.00 - 45.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	66.00 - 81.00	73.00 - 75.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-85
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	79
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(L.A. AREA)		
FRESH FRYERS		81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP		71-90
HENS UNDER 5#		
HENS OVER 5#		74
DUCKS		129
RABBITS-WHOLE		284
RABBITS-CUT UP		289
SAN FRANCISCO PROC	ESSED POULTE	<u> </u>
DELIVERED TO RESTAI	URANTS AND IN	<u>ISTITUTIONS</u>
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102-103
	ICE PACK	92-94
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FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102-103
	ICE PACK	92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	94
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EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 17-NOV-00

CHICKEN PRICES

-----FROZEN----------FRESH-----FAT FOB DELIVERED FOB DELIVERED CONTENT DOCK **DOCK**

15% OR LESS

RANGE 18.00

WTD AVERAGE 18.00

240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

17.00 16.50 RANGE 13.00-21.00 WTD AVERAGE 16.18 17.00 16.50

941,000 pounds, this includes 396,000 pounds for export shipment. 15-20%

RANGE 14.75-22.00

20.75 12.00-13.00 13.00 13.00 WTD AVERAGE 19.09 20.75 12.65

3,069,000 pounds, this includes 1,950,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE 13.00 WTD AVERAGE 13.00

120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC,NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Finished sales were good with shipping channels active. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-NOV-00

> RANGE **MAJORITY** WTD **AVG**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6.72 4-9 5.5-7 * WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 17-NOV-00

CHICKEN PRICES

-----FRESH----------FROZEN-----FAT FOB DELIVERED FOB DELIVERED

CONTENT DOCK **DOCK**

15% OR LESS

RANGE

WTD AVERAGE

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

14.00-15.00 RANGE WTD AVERAGE

40.800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE 18.00-19.00 19.00-21.00 10.00-14.00 13.50-16.00 WTD AVERAGE 18.14 20.00 11.90 14.16

1,758,000 pounds, this includes 1,264,800 pounds for export

shipment. 20% OR MORE

RANGE

WTD AVERAGE

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair. Offerings were adequate to ample for reduced holiday schedules. Floor stocks of finished product were occasionally short to no more than adequate for current needs. The market tone was mixed but generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-NOV-00

RANGE **MAJORITY WTD AVG** AT FARM BUYER LOADING 3-8.5 4.25-6 5.24 AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT * WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS, SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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